## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)
Reiner HAMMERICH et al.	) Group Art Unit: 2192
Application No.: 10/676,825	) Examiner: Dao, T.
Filed: September 30, 2003	) )
For: VALIDATING PROGRAMS	Confirmation No.: 3059

## Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

## **AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action mailed January 6, 2009, the period for response to which extends through April 6, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper.